

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 858

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to commend A.B. Freytag for his honorable and astute service to the people of Wartburg.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, A.B. Freytag is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary life, he has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, born on June 6, 1925, his moral integrity and exemplary character are a direct result of the time-honored values and principles instilled in him at a young age by his parents, August and Bertie Freytag; and

WHEREAS, a native of Morgan County, Mr. Freytag is a graduate of Oakdale High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Freytag honorably served in the United States Army during World War II, heroically fighting in the armored infantry under General George Patton; and

WHEREAS, he has served in numerous positions throughout his career, always earning the respect and admiration of his employers and colleagues alike for the exceptional quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a consummate public servant, he also dedicated his leadership abilities to the welfare of the citizens of Wartburg while serving as their Mayor for four years; and

WHEREAS, in his distinguished role as Mayor of Wartburg, Mr. Freytag committed his time and energies to the betterment of the City through several initiatives, including the

Wartburg Beautiful Association, a town beautification project designed to instill a sense of pride in the residents of the city; and

WHEREAS, the Wartburg Beautiful Association not only planted flower beds and the beautiful Bradford pear trees lining the highway, but also created several walking tracks and parks throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, in his capacity as Mayor, Mr. Freytag was instrumental in securing the land for Solomon Park, building the track at Central High School, and was the guiding force behind founding the Wartburg Civic Center; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Freytag's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on hard work, common sense, and his ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Freytag is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife of sixty-five years, Naomi Thomas Freytag; and

WHEREAS, he is the proud and loving father of Allen Freytag and wife, Paula, and Glen Freytag and wife, Ann; and

WHEREAS, he is also the devoted and doting grandfather of Angie and Lynn Bunch, Kim and Alan Keller, Keith and Cindy Freytag, Andrea Adams, Jennifer and Kessler Young, and Phillip Freytag; and

WHEREAS, he is also the proud great-grandfather of Heather Bunch, Kristin Bunch, Wade Keller, Jared Freytag, Courtney Adams, Brandon Adams, Hanna Adams, Lauren Young, Aaron Young, and Kristie Shannon; and

WHEREAS, he is an active and life-long member of Wartburg First Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, A.B. Freytag is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events, and he also still enjoys his many and varied hobbies, including gardening and his antique car collection; and

WHEREAS, he is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend A.B. Freytag for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Wartburg as their Mayor and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.